



Weare in the World

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For Weare Residents, by Weare Residents

Gallery: John Stark Class of 2021

Commencement ceremonies for 158 graduates took place at John Stark Regional High School on Saturday, June 12, with some continuing the celebrations in a parade through Henniker and Weare.



Evan Ballou, Elizabeth Barnes, Noelle Barrieau, Camden Bergeron, Kira Bergeron await their diplomas.



Brynna Newcomb hugs her dad, John Stark School District Board Member James Newcomb, after he presents her with her diploma.

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Weare Patriotic Celebration Scheduled to Return July 16-17

By Tom Clow

The celebration is back.

After more than a year of isolation and COVID safety restrictions, the country, state and town are gradually reopening, and for Weare that means that the annual Patriotic Celebration is returning on July 16 and 17.

According to Laura Buono, Chair of the Patriotic Celebration Committee, the group did not place a request to fund fireworks on the town warrant in March because they didn't know what the situation would be after a year of pandemic precautions. Instead, they set out to raise funds through donations, and the response has been overwhelming, Buono said. They set out to raise \$6,500 and have already reached that goal, she said.

The celebration will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday, July 16 with carnival rides provided by Miller Amusements. It will be bracelet night, which means that purchasing a bracelet will provide access to all the rides for the evening. There will also be a DJ on hand to provide music, Buono said, and some of the vendors will be set up, including the Weare Winter Wanderers' food concession.

The big day is Saturday, which kicks off with a parade at 10:30 a.m. Parade participants will begin lining up at 9:30. Those wishing to be in the parade should contact Amy at 582-9939 or Meggin at 540-7198. This year's theme for floats is "Anything Goes." The Trustees of the Trust Funds recently approved an expenditure of up to \$1,500 from the Emma Sawyer Trust to enhance the parade, perhaps with a marching band. Immediately after the parade Hillsborough Police Sergeant See **FOURTH**, page 2

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Send Pictures, Poems, Stories
or Recipes About:
July 4th
weareintheworldnews@gmail.com
Deadline – Friday, July 9

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Nick Hodgen and police dog Gibbs will give a canine demonstration.

Carnival rides will be open throughout the day on Saturday, as well as all participating vendors. The celebration will be capped off by a fireworks spectacular on the Weare Middle School grounds provided by Atlas Fireworks Saturday evening at dusk – usually around 9 p.m.

Chairperson Buono extends her thanks to everyone who has worked to make this community event possible.



Bottom row L-R: Nick Lundeen, Cam Bergeron, Cooper Rivers, Nathan Innerfield, Chad Martin, Ben McKean, Evan Lamphere, Middle Row L-R: Noah Brent, Alex Moore, Anthony DeTone, Jason Crean, Austin Hazzard, Brandon Firman. Top Row L-R: Head Coach Dennis Pelletier, Assistant Coach Scott Hazzard, Brady Philibotte. (Geskus Photography.)

John Stark Baseball Team Victorious

By Karen Lovett

The John Stark Regional High School varsity baseball team won the Division II State Championship, its first since the school opened in 1987. Led by Coach Dennis Pelletier, the Generals beat St. Thomas Aquinas High School, 10-3, in the final game at Holman Stadium in Nashua on June 12, just hours after several of the team's seniors graduated.

Pelletier, who has lived in Weare for 11 years and coached the team for the past eight seasons (except for last year, due to the pandemic), detailed in a phone interview some of the particular challenges and triumphs his team faced en route to the title.

To start with, the 2020 spring season was swept away by COVID concerns. So, too, was the American Legion summer league that Pelletier has coached and managed in

for the past several years. Pelletier improvised: he got many of his Stark players involved in an independent league (without endorsement from national headquarters or local sponsorships) that was cobbled together last summer. In that, his Weare players faced “top-notch” talent from highly competitive towns. It turned out to be a “lemonade out of lemons” situation: the players got to be on the field, he said, but more importantly, it “saved a lot of kids mentally,” since so much was being shut down because of the pandemic. Ultimately, Pelletier said, it also paved the way for successes this spring.

Pelletier shared more reflections of the season. The interview has been edited and condensed for clarity.

What is your own history in the sport of baseball? Did you play growing up, and what other teams have you coached?

Ironically, the championship game was played in Holman Stadium, where I grew up and played a huge amount of games, so it was kind of a homecoming for me and it added a lot of sweetness to the victory...I was greeted by people who I hadn't seen for a long time. It added an extra element, personally, to be able to create long-lasting memories I had in that stadium. I played baseball at Nashua High School, for the American Legion team, for the Nashua Community College team and I played in the summers, basically from after college to my mid-30s.

What characteristics did you notice in the JSRHS team early on in the season? Did you have any inkling you were working with a special group?

Yup, right off the bat. We had a group of kids that love baseball and it's their favorite thing in life. They're constantly taking batting practice and going to the field to play... I spent a large majority of time focusing on the mental aspect of baseball and their confidence. I think that made a huge difference...it pushed these guys to the next level. There's a lot of things that don't go your way in baseball...You have to be mentally strong...and we were just reinforcing our confidence in ourselves, and that we are a good team. I wanted them to be confident, especially inwardly, but not be cocky or arrogant. They seemed to follow that really well.

What was the biggest challenge the team faced this season and how did they rise to meet it?

The COVID stuff and I would say definitely the lack of time to prepare for the season was the biggest thing. We were kind of rushed into things. That was tough, but other schools were in that same boat. We had to work around it...A decent part of the season, they had to play with masks on, which is not easy to do...Thankfully, as the season progressed, we saw less of that...As a coaching

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staff, with our full roster, when we figured things out, we were doing really well. The last six weeks, we were a well-oiled machine. We went 13-1 in the last 14 games. The signs were definitely there.

Describe the team's reaction to winning the championship game, and your own.

There was a lot of energy out there and a lot of happiness. These kids have gone through 15 months of toughness. But baseball was their way out. Having that outlet, I think, meant a lot to them. They had this thing they loved to do, and they loved to do it together and they could do it every day...In terms of the cooler scene (the team toppled a cooler over Pelletier's head in celebration), the sun was out that day. It was warm. I don't think I ever felt better having water dumped on me in my life.



Players dump water over Pelletier's head after winning the championship (Jen Pelletier photo).

Aside from the big win, what was the most rewarding part of the season for you as a coach?

It was seeing the confidence in these kids and the joy they had being out there every day. When stuff is taken away from you and you get it back, you see them really appreciate it. The kids genuinely loved being at the baseball field together. As a coach, you can't ask for anything better.

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Lauren Desrosiers plays flute for the Star-Spangled Banner as part of the senior trio.



Daisy Scouts wave to a graduate on parade (Jen Wallace photo)



Jordyn Case and Madeline Aucoin



Delaney Forrestall rides with her grandad.

Link to the recording of graduation:
<https://jsrhs.fuelstream.live/>

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JSRHS Scholarship Recipients	
American Legion Ladies Auxiliary: Lois Nicols Scholarship	Elizabeth Downing
American Legion Post #65 Scholarship	Elizabeth Downing & Brooke Hurlburt
Andress-Lewis Memorial Scholarship	Margaret Girardet
Beth Borden Memorial Scholarship	Kira Bergeron
Beulah Brown Scholarship	Evelyn Hallee-Cardoso
Capital Region Board of REALTORS: Ken Levesque Memorial Scholarship	Noelle Barrieau
Catherine & Vin Swanburg Math Scholarship	Nathan Chasse
Charles H. Tucker Scholarship	Jordyn Case
Chester W. French Scholarship	Zachary Bowes & Brianna Pinter
Christa McAulliffe Memorial Scholarship	Madison McDonald
Cold Springs Camp Resort Scholarship	Quinn Antle, Brianna Bodner & Margaret Girardet
Dr. Francis Brown Scholarship	Alyssa Villemaire
Educators Rising NH Scholarship	Noelle Barrieau
Eleanor Campbell Charitable Fund Scholarships	Brianna Bodner, Margaret Girardet & Alana Sevigny
Eleanor Campbell Charitable Fund Scholarship: Sherwood Scholar	Quinn Antle
Eric Chapman Memorial Scholarship	Kaitlyn Lafleur
Evelyn H. Bean Scholarship	Jordyn Case
George Parmenter Scholarship	Riley Brooks
Goffstown Rotary Club Scholarship	Nathan Chasse
Henniker Chamber of Commerce Scholarship in Memory of Rick Hall Jr.	Nathaniel Boddy & Lillian Stogner
Henniker Family Dentistry Scholarship	Alexandra Hardcastle

Henniker Rotary Club: Rosenbleeth Scholarship	Nathaniel Boddy & Nathan Chasse
Henniker Rotary Club: Vocational Scholarship	Alana Sevigny
Henniker Teachers' Association	Margaret Girardet
Henniker Women's Club Ed.I Fund	Madeline Aucoin
James K. Crane Fund/Henniker Rescue Squad Scholarship	Madeline Aucoin
John Stark Generals Football Booster Club Scholarship	Zachary Bowes & Thomas Johnston
John Stark Stage Company	Abigail Burke
John Stark Teachers' Association	Kacie Weston
John W. Blair Scholarship	Andra Dagenais
Joseph Perrigo Scholarship	Andra Dagenais
Kathie Henry Scholarship	Kacie Weston
Kathy Conroy Scholarship	Alyssa Villemaire
Mary Coffin Memorial Scholarship	Delaney Forrestall
Matthew T. Paul Memorial Scholarship	Ivy Brooks
Max Israel Scholarship	Kira Bergeron
Nancy Kataja Memorial Scholarship	Quinn Antle
Norman C. Parmenter Scholarship	Riley Brooks
OSRAM Sylvania Scholarships	Nathan Chasse, Margaret Girardet & Brianna Meisser
Ron Lesniewski Memorial Scholarship	Brooke Hurlburt
Russell Durgin Memorial Scholarship	Matthew Nichols
Sons of the American Legion Post 65 Scholarship	Brooke Hurlburt
The Rick Hall Golf Classic Scholarships	Christopher Brennan, Madison Dionne & Kacie Weston
Weare Education Association Scholarship	Lauren Desrosiers
Weare Fire and Rescue Association Scholarship	Madison Dionne

JSRHS Underclassman Design a Gift for Graduates

Each year, students in the Introduction to Engineering Design (IED) class at John Stark design and produce a keepsake graduation gift for seniors using the 3D printer or laser cutter. This year's gift, a key chain with the year and John Stark insignia, was presented to students on senior day (June 9).



Kadin Wayland and Bradley Dickinson (courtesy photo).

To get to the final



design, students in the IED class brainstorm, design, prototype and create a sample that is presented to the school's administration for selection. This year's keychain gift was a collaborative effort

by two John Stark first-year students: Kadin Wayland and Bradley Dickinson.

"This project allows students to see firsthand how a simple design can be so important and valuable to others," said JSRHS IED teacher Colin Stone.

-Submitted by Patti Osgood

JSRHS "Starry, Starry Night 2021" prom king and queen, Evan Gendron and Caroline Wetherbee (courtesy photo).



This Best Buddies team from John Stark Regional High School joined the state team in Concord for the Annual Walk for Inclusion event on June 5. This year, the John Stark team raised \$2,632 with 51 supporters, their best effort to date. Best Buddies is the world's largest organization dedicated to ending the social, physical, and economic isolation of the 200 million people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Photo (l-r): John Stark Best Buddies Student Leadership team students Brian McGinnin, Sydnee Pelletier, Lydia Piscina, Madison Dionne and Caroline Weatherbee (courtesy photo).

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR RECORDS DESTRUCTION

School Administrative Unit 24

(Henniker, John Stark and Weare School Districts)

Notice to all persons born between 1992 and 1994 and who attended John Stark Regional High School, Weare School District or Henniker Community School, and was identified as a Special Education student or received special education services, or to their parents:

The John Stark School District may have special education records in its possession for those students and will destroy such records after August 9, 2021. If you would like to have these records rather than having them destroyed, please contact the main office secretary at 618 N. Stark Highway, Weare, NH 03281, 603-529-7675 prior to July 30, 2021, to make arrangements for obtaining these records.

The school district shall maintain, permanently, a record of a student's name, address, phone number, grades, attendance records, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed.



The Council for Exceptional Children honored all N.H. Special Education teachers as "Teachers of the Year" for their commitment to students, dedication to the field of special education and innovation to create specially designed lessons and experiences for students with exceptionalities during a global pandemic. Nicole Cargill, special education coordinator (right), presents the awards to Laura Kling, Nicole Desrosiers, Robert Koziol, Emily Pineault, Brittany Gilbert and Kelly Bourque at Center Woods Elementary School in Weare. (CWES special educators Jen Guillemette and Kim Tucker are not shown. Courtesy photo.)

Weare School District Establishes New Tradition to Honor Long-Term Staff

The Weare School District, with financial support from both the teachers union (Weare Educators Association) and the paraprofessional union (Weare Educational Support Staff), will place a sundial at both the Center Woods Elementary School and the Weare Middle School to honor teachers with 25 or more years of service at retirement and paraprofessionals with 15 or more years of service at retirement. Additionally, a plaque with names and years of service will be installed at each school.

"We hope to bring a garden of flowers to life around the sundials just like these teachers and paraprofessionals have done to inspire and create growth in our students for so many years," said Jess Potter, CWES Principal, in a school district press release. "This will be a lasting tradition to honor long-time staff members."



"The idea sprang from the Weare Educators Association's (WEA) desire to honor Debby LeBlanc's remarkable 43 years of service in the Weare School District this year," said Association President Dawn Spring. "The WEA wanted to create something permanent to honor Deb and other

teachers who have and will have a long commitment to the Weare Community."

Linda Bissonnette, who is retiring this year after 41 years teaching music in the Weare District, will also be honored for her long service. Additionally, the paraprofessional union wanted to honor Joan Morgan, Lorraine Jackman, and Mary Dowst for their service to the Weare District.

"We will be honoring paras in the Weare District who retire with 15 or more years of service because we can document that paras tend to leave much earlier than teachers, usually around the 10-year mark," Potter said. "This standard for service reflects that difference in retention."



Center Woods third graders paraded on Thursday, June 17, to celebrate completing school (Karen Lovett photo).



Weare Middle School Principal Shawne Hilliard congratulates eighth graders in a drive-through style ceremony on Thursday, June 17 (Bronda Crosby photos).

College Graduates and Honorees Assumption University

Brooke Shatney, Bachelor's Degree

Southern New Hampshire University Dean's List, Winter 2021

Cara Easter, Ryan Waterman and Kurtis Wilson

President's List, Winter 2021

Eryn Benneter, Hannah Champagne, Katherine Cloud, Chad Curtiss, Abigail Larkin, Sarah Marousek, Elisabeth Mason, Emma Merchant, Stephen Murphy, Victoria Rizzitano and Jake Silva
-Concord Monitor reports



Weare Athletic Club lacrosse team (courtesy photo).

Weare Wins Lacrosse Championship

By Marc Payeur

On Saturday, June 12, the Weare Athletic Club Generals U12 boys, who finished the regular season with a record of 6-2, won the championship for Division C in the New Hampshire Youth Lacrosse League. The Generals were seeded third going into the semi-finals where they knocked off number two Bedford. This set up the finals, after number one seed Derry beat number four Plymouth. All facets of the game were solid for the Generals. They had solid defense, great offense and several big-time saves from their goalie; they completely shut down the opponent in the second half. The team won 7-3.

The Generals include Ben Gosselin, Bryce Anderson, Cody Gilbert, Connor Brooks, Cooper Twombly, Declan Osborne, Derek Tetro, Evan Payeur, Finn Osgood, Jack Hatfield, Lucas Murdough, Miller Twombly, Nick Tetro, Parker Hamel, Riley Miner, Shane Brunini, Zachary Morrison, and Zane Talbot. The team is coached by John Hatfield and Marc Payeur.

Repairs Continue on Town Hall; More Projects Await Completion

By Tom Clow

Little by little, repairs on the Old Town Hall continue. Walker Roofing of Brattleboro, Vermont recently completed work on the returns along the back corners of the roof, which had needed repair for several years. Fortunately, according to Town Administrator Naomi Bolton, the rot did not go as deep as feared. The cost of the project was \$5,400, which was taken from a fund left to the town by Mildred Hall. Upon her death, Mildred Hall left \$50,000 to the town for repairs and upkeep of the Town Hall, another \$50,000 to be used for the preservation of the Clinton Grove Academy and a much larger sum to be controlled by a special committee established by the Weare Historical Society.

Walker Roofing has done a number of projects on Weare's town buildings, most recently replacing the spires, decorative railings and roof on the Town Hall bell tower. Walker has also replaced the copper roof on the Stone Building, which houses the Weare Historical Society artifacts, and re-roofed the bell tower at the Clinton Grove Academy.

Bolton said there is still major work to be done on the Town Hall. She said she would like to see it repainted, which would likely require the removal of lead paint in some areas. All of the windows have to be reglazed and repaired – or replaced.

The upstairs in the Old Town Hall has not been used for many years. It is a unique form of construction with the floor suspended on metal rods tied into the center beam of the roof. The bell tower holds a beautiful, and functional, brass bell.

Annual Town-Wide Yard Sale

Weare's 27th Annual Town-Wide Yard Sale is Saturday, Aug. 14, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., rain or shine. Maps will be available (\$2) at the Stone Memorial Building beginning at 8 a.m. on the day of the sale.

To put your location on the map, please download the PDF form from the WHS website at: <http://www.wearehistoricalsociety.org/WHS%20Yard%20Sale%20Form%202021.Fillable.pdf>

Make sure you're on the map! Return the form by Aug. 2. with your check for \$8 (\$5 for Weare Historical Society members) to: Weare Historical Society, P.O. Box 33, Weare, NH 03281.

Some yard sale spaces will be available on the lawn of the Stone Memorial Building (if it rains, at Town Hall) for \$15 (\$10 for members). For a group sale (over three people), please remit \$20 (\$10 for nonprofits).

Profits from this event go to the Weare Historical Society for the many projects they pursue in order to keep our past from slipping away from us. For more about their activities, visit their website at: <http://www.wearehistoricalsociety.org>. For questions about the Town Wide Yard Sale, send a note to: info@wearehistoricalsociety.org.





Calling All Local Businesses!

In August, "Weare in the World" will publish a special edition dedicated to businesses in town.

Along with profiles and stories of local interest, the issue will include space for businesses to submit who they are, what they offer and how customers can reach them. Submissions must fit into a standard, business-card size space. There is NO CHARGE for this offer. Copy should be sent **by July 30** to Sharon Czarnecki at czar5@comcast.net.

What Do Field Trips and Golf Have in Common?

By Sharon Czarnecki

Answer: The Parent Teacher Organization of Weare.

This group of dedicated volunteers has their sights set on two goals. They would like to help fund field trips for students now that we can get "out and about" again. And they would like to show support for the teachers who make those trips possible for our children.

But they need your help to do it. Help the PTO fund a great teacher appreciation week or lower the cost of field trips. In the past, they have contributed several thousand dollars towards field trips each year and would like to continue that tradition. Show up on July 15 and support your favorite players.



For more information, visit <https://fb.me/e/1ir1sINZx>

Holy Cross Happenings

By Marge Burke

Holy Cross Episcopal Church will re-open for in-person worship on Sunday, July 4 at 10 a.m. Post Covid-19 guidelines from the CDC and from the diocesan bishop will continue to be observed.

During the year-plus of Zoom worshipping, the church observed A Sacred Meal for a Disbursed Community and Agape Meal in lieu of the normal Eucharist. Until more guidelines are relaxed, communicants will observe a hybrid method of receiving the Eucharist in church. Worshippers are asked to bring their own bread and a small glass, just as has been done on Zoom. The Rev. David Ferner, vicar, will pour consecrated wine from a cruet into individual glasses. Following the service, there will be a "non-coffee" coffee hour without the coffee but with lots of fellowship.

The service will be live-streamed for those who wish to remain at home. Eventually, the church will be able to offer a Zoom hybrid also. Check out the website for more information. During July, the split plate open offering will be shared with the Family Promise program.



Weare Troop 529 (courtesy photo).

Scout Flag Retirement

By Marc Payeur

Weare Troop 529 participated with American Legion Post 78 in Henniker for their flag retirement ceremony on Monday, June 14 - Flag Day. Scouts Jon Moul, Josh Askham, Rylan Grolljahn, Josh Moul, Spencer Jones and Evan Payeur assisted in retiring several hundred flags with Legion members Richard Smith, Sukari Statton and Bill and David Currier.

Summer Reading Is Here!

June's heating up with Summer Reading at the Weare Public Library.

Kids can get their reading logs at the library or by going to: <https://wearepl.readsquared.com/>.

After June 28: When they return their completed logs, they get a reward. In addition, they'll receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a new bicycle. Much thanks to the Weare Lions Club for this donation!

It's even easier for adults and teens. All they have to do is return a book for a raffle ticket. The lucky winners of these drawings will receive a series of gift cards for stores like Target and Gibson's Books.

And look-out for these soon-to-come events:

Thursday, June 24 at 6:30: Kickoff Party: Try a medley of our Get-Out-Games and Toys - provided by both the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Friends of the Library.

Saturday, June 26 at 1:30: Get-Out-Gaming: Pickleball: Join the Weare Pickleball Club (at the tennis courts next to the library) for a demonstration. Then join the action!

Monday, June 28: Kids, pick up your first **Grab-N-Go** craft bag at the library (while supplies last).

Tuesday, June 29 at 10:30: Baby & Toddler Playgroup: Bring your little ones for playtime and conversation on the lawn.

Wednesday, June 30 at 11:00: Stories at the Lake: Join Ms. Karen at Chase Park for stories and songs. Free passes morning of the event at the park gate.

Thursday, July 1 at 6:30: Family Night: Dairy Farming: Contoocook Creamery will talk about dairy farming in NH. Then you will make your very own ice cream in a bag!

Saturday, July 3 at 1:30: Get-Out-Gaming: Molkky: This Finnish throwing game is an addictive mix of skill, strategy, and luck with awards for the finalists of each age category.

And that's just the first two weeks! The rest of July will bring dozens of more activities, craft-kits, and prizes for all ages.

Check-out our complete Summer Guide by going to the homepage.



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Ruff Readers Are Back

By Kathy Lorenz

We have missed you and so have our Ruff Reader dogs!

Come and meet them on the library side lawn on Tuesday, July 20 at 3:30 p.m.

Ruff Readers is a free program offered to young readers by the Weare Public Library and Therapy Dogs International Chapter 205. This program

has been active for around 10 years and has been instrumental in making remarkable improvements in children's reading abilities, as well as increasing their interest in reading.

Children come into the library and sit down to read for about 15 minutes to a highly trained and certified therapy dog. The kids love it so much they don't even realize it's a learning tool.

Come and meet the participating dogs and their handlers, learn more about the program and have a chance to sign up for the next session before it fills up.

For more information, find us on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/chapter205/>



"Abbie" lends an ear to Aidan Ventiere (courtesy photo).

Lookin' for Love

By Cathy Bailey

If you'd like to adopt the pet pictured here, please complete an adoption application at <https://www.heartsandtails.org/adoption-application>.



Meet Casey! Yellow Lab and Great Pyrenees. Female; affectionate, sweet, intelligent and gentle; house trained; vaccinations up to date; spayed; four years old; weighs 60 pounds; microchipped; good with other dogs and older children. Adoption fee: \$550.



(Anne Wirkkala photo).

Of Bees and Plants and Problems

By Anne Wirkkala

I have recently come across an article about sterile cultivars. ("Fine Gardening," Dec. 2017, p. 10, "What's the deal with sterile cultivars?") Just a heads up: they do NOT produce pollen that attracts and feeds bees or other native pollinators! Cultivars are plant varieties that have been produced in cultivation by selective breeding. So, you get bountiful blooms but nothing for the pollinators other than an attractive disappointment and a waste of their limited energy.

On the other hand, how about this scenario? Your garden is beautiful and colorful. Everything is healthy and happy. Your tomatoes are almost ripe. Your beans are not far behind. Then...something goes wrong. All of a sudden, you find a mysterious powder on the leaves. Stems turn brown and leaves droop. Your formerly happy plants look more like sickly green Swiss cheese. But for every pest that wants to ruin your garden, there is another beneficial insect that wants to help you out. Or more specifically, they want to eat the pests that are eating your garden.

So how do you attract these beneficial beetles, bees and bugs? Create a habitat that they love with native plants. Native plants have co-evolved with the other plants, animals, fungi and bacteria as well as the climate, light and soil conditions in habitats and regions. They provide food, nectar and shelter for a wide array of important insects, and they help stabilize ecosystems. When you plant native flowers that attract beneficial insects, you can attract native bees and other pollinating insects to your garden. The more diverse you can make your garden, the more insects you can attract to protect your garden. But of course, these blooms must produce pollen to be of use to them.

So, who are these heroic plants? In New Hampshire, we have a long list: native honeysuckle, swamp milkweed, goldenrod, bee balm, golden alexander, wild

strawberries, evening primrose, cardinal flower, joe pie weed, coneflowers, butterfly weed, asters, witch hazel, red maple, bearberry, wild geranium, yarrow, wild columbine, chokeberry and low bush blueberry to name a few.

You will note, however, that the word "weed" is connected to many of these heroes. And yes, they can be aggressive and take over to the point of concern. So, plant them in wise locations: along the edges of your garden beds, in areas where not much else grows, instead of rolling acres of lawn and so forth. Plant ones that bloom at different times of the season, from early spring (witch hazel) to late fall (asters). The best part of these plants is that they can take care of themselves: no watering or fertilizing once established. The end result: both you and the pollinators will be happy.

For more information see the following web sites:

[-New Hampshire's Native Trees, Shrubs, and Vines with Wildlife Value \(unh.edu\)](#)

[-Regional Plant List - Maine, ME, New Hampshire, NH, Vermont, VT \(plantnative.org\)](#). Or try this excellent

book: "Native Plants of the Northeast: A Guide for Gardening and Conservation," by Donald J. Leopold.

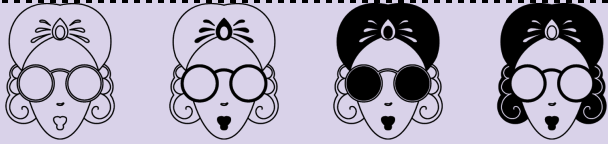
Garden Club Beautifies Library Grounds

The photos, taken by Heleen Kurk, represent just some of the work being done by the volunteers of our local garden club. All library patrons get to appreciate their dedication to keeping our surroundings so pleasant.





Asked and Answered: Best Friends



Easter and Me

By Marge Burke

Easter was my best friend in high school. Yes, her name really was Easter. She was born on Easter Sunday and lived at the end of the same street I did. Most every day on our way home from school, when we weren't attending play rehearsals, we would stop at my house for a cup of tea. We thought we were "hot stuff" with our tea, enhanced with clove-studded lemon slices and cinnamon sticks, served in fine bone china cups.

Our mothers and neighbors could not understand why we could spend all afternoon with each other after being together in school all day. Well, we had all sorts of things to talk about that only teenage girls could make an afternoon out of. Sometimes, though, we would take the trolley car to Harvard Square and transfer to the subway so we could go to Filene's Basement in Boston, where we would try on shoes and hats. Of course, we never bought anything; just tried things on and laughed at ourselves.

High heels - the higher the better - fascinated us. The hat department had a very long wall full of dozens and dozens of hats, from sensible ones for weather conditions to ridiculous looking ones that kept us busy for long periods of time. Because it was the basement part of the store, no clerks bothered us, so we just stayed there trying things on and giggling.

Occasionally, we would venture up the street to Bailey's ice cream store and splurge on a sundae with the best-ever chocolate sauce. Around the corner from the ice cream store, there was a very posh hat store with a long marble corridor and gorgeous, fancy hats. We only tried that place out once when the clerks made it clear they did not appreciate silly girls in their store bothering their clientele. Ah, what fun we had together in those days.

Ann

By Connie Evans

I am of an age where dear friends are starting to disappear from Weare. Downsizing, death and searching for milder winters are the culprits that have taken them from me. Fortunately, several haven't gone too far and getting together only means a little longer car ride. One such friend, Ann, moved to Henniker with her husband. If you know me, you know Ann. We have been friends since our adult children were in preschool together.

Ann has lots of friends, and I don't count the Facebook method of collecting friends. She is a friend-collector but does so wholly unintentionally. She sees a need and like a magnet to metal, is quick to offer her help. Ann is the type of friend who will offer to help before you think you need it. Her generosity of time and energy comes naturally to her and she seems genuinely surprised or embarrassed with reciprocation. She will listen intently to your joys or sorrows, interjecting observations rather than advice—unless you ask for it. She asks questions to be sure she understands what life has thrown at you and then will follow up on the issue the next time she sees you. She remembers birthdays and anniversaries.

Most recently, she came over to weed my gardens. Who does that? Ann does that!

Best Friends

By Karen Coulters

There is no need to wear a "mask"
because they love all that you are.
They gently push you toward greater heights.
They hold you when you fail
because they know you would do it for them.
They lift you up when you succeed.
They cry with you when your heart breaks
because their heart breaks with yours.
They laugh, cheer, reprimand in love.
They encourage, and comfortably sit with you in silence
because they know what you're saying without words.
They bring out your best and still accept the worst
because they know your heart and refuse to break it.

May we never take them for granted
because life is too short, and great friends are too few.
They are worthy of our time.



Friends

By Sharon Czarnecki

I started out as an only child.
So, friends were created from things in the wild.
Ants and birds and rocks knew my name.
Time crawled, idyllic, no purpose or aim.

Much later a sister appeared on the scene.
And she got treated like a little queen – not endearing.
But siblings can give anchor in rough seas yet to be.
I can not imagine doing life with just me.

Maybe because of the rocks, ants, and trees,
School meant no friends who matched up with me.
But,... I was lucky when I started to date
That's when a best friend was later my mate.

Reach out to others whenever you can
Join clubs, volunteer, make meeting people your plan.
'Cause the friends I have now...I mean wow, just wow.
They are seasoned and tried, and a fortress are they.

I feel protected, safe, forgiven, tethered, able to try and
fail, surrounded....I belong. I have a pack, a posse, a
team. Because of them, I can *usually* cope.
Thanks Friends.

COVID-19 vs. The Spotted Fever

By Connie Evans

For more than a year, we had to contend with the fear that we or a loved one would contract COVID-19, but the spotted fever in the early 19th century was worse. It was more dreaded than yellow fever or cholera because it came on suddenly and its effect was more disastrous. Although it started in 1812 in Antrim, it made its presence felt in Weare in January of 1816. Jonathan Philbrick noted, "It is a time of great tribulation among us, many dying suddenly in this town."

In contrast to COVID-19, people over 60 were relatively safe. It seemed to single out the young and strong. In less

than six hours after a headache or slight pain somewhere on the body, most of the victims succumbed. Dr. Peter C. Farnham, a healthy 30 year old, had a stinging pain in his arm, two red spots appeared, and suddenly he fell into a stupor and died.

It was a rough winter and spring caring for the sick, the dying and the dead. The physicians of the time believed in getting the patients as hot as possible to sweat out the impurities. No doubt the heat, combined with the fever, added to their discomfort. While the fever was at its worst, the afflicted were covered in red spots, earning the name of the spotted fever, not to be confused with the tick-borne disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. A few hours after death, the corpse turned black, earning the name "the black plague" in other countries.

By the summer, the disease took on a milder form and then disappeared. Unfortunately, like COVID, it left behind many "long-haulers." Their health was compromised and almost all were deaf. For COVID long-haulers, persistent symptoms often include brain fog, fatigue, headaches, dizziness and shortness of breath, among others.

As businesses are opening up and people have been getting vaccinated, we can relax a little more. I can't imagine how fearful our residents must have felt 200 years ago when there was no remedy whatsoever and they never knew who would be next.

Source: "The History of Weare," by William Little



Feeding Station

No scarcity of abundance on my rhododendron bush this year, majestic in its lushness, smorgasbord of flowers with individual blossoms of tempting nectar ready for guests, soon the emerald hummingbird finds its way to the bush, followed by multiple bumblebees who know how to share, then a turf war occurs, two yellow butterflies dive bomb each other, over and over again, 'til the alpha male wins and comes to the feast on alert for a reappearance of his rival, all is peaceful then as the species take part in the bounty available.

- Marge Burke



Many Hands Make LIGHT Work

Volunteers Needed!

Help is needed at Hand in Hand Ministries Breaking Bread Senior Café. Here are some opportunities to help your senior neighbors.

Shopping/Food Prep/Meal Help - Volunteer

PT on Wednesdays

Chef - Volunteer

PT / outgoing / retired / food industry experience / Responsibilities include planning a menu each month. Shopping and preparing a healthy, delicious and tasty meal for local area seniors, which is served each Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Cafe offers a FREE meal to Seniors 60+. The chef will also create an inventory of items needed each week based on the projected menu for the upcoming weeks. The focus is on safety guidelines for food prep. The chef works closely with a team of Cafe volunteers, who serve lunch guests. Together Everyone Achieves More

Grant Writer - Volunteer

PT / experience required

If any of these tasks sound like a great opportunity for you to do what you LOVE, please get in touch. Contact Bob Boucher, president, at Boucherobert@comcast.net or Peggy Bailey, director, at handinhandministriesinc@gmail.com or 603-529-4263.



Job Opportunities in Weare

Center Woods Elementary School

Para-Educators/Paraprofessionals

2021-2022 school year / Monday-Friday / 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. / Helping kids in the classroom / high school diploma required / training provided.

To apply: Call 529-4500 or visit centerwoods.net.

Dunkin Donuts

Assistant Manager

PT/FT / all shifts available / experience not needed, but must be good with people / schedule varies / salary – will discuss

Crew positions

Schedule varies / salary – will discuss.

To apply: call 529-5547, 7 a.m. - 3p.m. Ask for Kasia.

Country 3 Corners

Retail Associate, Convenience Store

PT/FT / all shifts available / experience not needed but must work well with others / prefer 15 years or older / schedule varies / salary – will discuss.

Lumber Yard Associate

PT/FT, variety of shifts / must be reliable, good with people, enjoy working outdoors

Hardware and Lumber Associate

Part time, various shifts / experience not needed but must be good with people / salary – will discuss.

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Thursday, June 24

- 6:30 p.m. – Summer Reading Kick-Off Party, Weare Public Library
- 7:00 p.m. – Planning Board Meeting

Saturday, June 26

- 9:30 a.m. – Weare Republicans Meeting, Sawyer Room/Library

Thursday, July 1

- 7:00 p.m. – Public Library Trustees Meeting

Friday, July 2

- 10:30 a.m. - Weare Area Writers Guild Meeting

Tuesday, July 6

- 7:00 p.m. - Garden Club Meeting, Sawyer Room/Library
- 7:30 p.m. – Zoning Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 7

- 6:00 p.m. – Mildred Hall Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 8

- 7:00 p.m. – Planning Board Meeting

Monday, July 12

- 6:00 p.m. – Board of Fire Wards Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. – Board of Selectmen Meeting

Tuesday, July 13

- 5:00 p.m. – Cemetery Trustees Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. – Parks & Recreation Meeting

Wednesday, July 14

- 4:15 p.m. - Trustees of the Trust Funds Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. - Conservation Commission Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. - Weare Democrats Meeting

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